on page 5 colums 1-3 of the 'Hindustan Times' dated 5th February, 1992 under the caption "Steep hike in prices of drugs" according to which there has been 50 to 250 per cent increase in the prices of drugs during the last one year;

(b) If so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures Government propose to take to provide cheap medicines to people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Sir, Government has seen the news items captioned "Steep hike in prices of drugs" which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 5-2-1992. It is not correct to say that there has been an increase of 50% to over 250% in the prices of drugs during tne last one year. However, in a situation of rising cost of inputs particularly of imported nature corresponding increase in the prices of medicines are unavoiable if their availability is to be ensured.

(c) The prices of scheduled formulations are fixed in accordance with the provision of DPCO, 1987 as per a formula and on the basis of fixed norms and after obtaining the recommendations of the BICP which is an expert body of the Government on Industrial Costs and Prices. In the case of formulations outside price control, as and when any unreasonable price increase is noticed, Government intervenes to bring it to a reasonable level. This arrangement, by and large, ensure that the price increase allowed are related to actual increase in the input costs.

हरियाणा में निर्मित औषधियों के नाम

3766. **श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर** : क्या **प्रधान** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हरियाणा में निर्मित की जाने वाली औषधियों के नाम और उनकी मात्रा क्या है, जिनका निर्माण राज्य के विभिन्न अस्पतालों और औषधालयों की आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के लिए किया जाता है और उन दवाईयों के नाम तथा उनकी मात्रा एवं लागत क्या है, जिनका वर्ष 1989, 1990 और 1991 में आयात किया गया; और

(ख) क्या सरकार आवश्यक औषधियों की बढ़ती हुई मांग को पूरा करने के लिए हरियाणा के विभिन्न औद्योगिक कस्बों में फार्मास्यूटिकल ईकाइयां स्थापित करने का विचार रखती हैं, और यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिन्ता मोहन) : (क) और (ख) हरियाणा में सरकारी क्षेत्र के प्रमुख उपक्रम आई० डी०पी०एल० के अलावा हरियाणा में विभिन्न प्रकार की प्रपुंज औषधी/सूत्रयोगों के निर्माण के लिए संगठन क्षेत्र में अनेक औषध युनिटें हैं। नई यूनिटें स्थापित करने के प्रस्तावों की औषध नीति के पैमानों स्थान संबधी नीति और औद्योगिक नीति के आधार पर अनुशसा की जाएगी। प्रत्येक राज्य द्वारा दवाइयों के आयात को अलग से मानीटर नहीं किया जा रहा है।

नकली औषधियों के निर्माता

3767. **श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर** : क्या **प्रधान** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विदेश में नकली औषधियां के निर्माताओं की संख्या में वृद्धि हुई है और सरकार उनके खिलाफ कार्यवाही करने में विफल रही है, जिसके परिणामस्वरूप विगत कुछ महीनों में जहरीली शराब तथा नकली दवाइयों का सेवन करने से सैकड़ों लोगों की मृत्यु हो चुकी है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो नकली औषधियों का निर्माण करन वाली फर्मों/इकाइयों के विरुद्ध सरकार द्वारा की गई कार्यवाही का राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है और न्यायालयों में कितने मामले लम्बित पड़े हुए हैं तथा कितने व्यक्तियों की दण्डित किया जा चुका है?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिन्ता मोहन): (क) और (ख) इसका सबध स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय से है। अपेक्षित जानकारी, जो भी उपलब्ध होगी

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय से एकत्र की जायगी और सभा-पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Subsidy to manufacturers of S.S.P. fertilizers

3768. SHRI JAGDISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently enhanced subsidy payable to the manufacturersofSingleSuper Phosphate(SSP) fertilizer keeping in view the increaseir the price of imported and indigenous raw materials, if so, what would be total subsidy per M.T. as on date SSP Manufacturers; and

(b) whether Government are giving price preference marketing support, allotment of raw materials, excise concession etc., to the manufacturers of small scale sector of SSP fertilizer manufacturers if so, what are the details thereof, serial-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Government have recently enhanced the ceiling on subsidy payable to manufacturers of Single Superphosphate (SSP) keeping in view the increase in the price of imported rock phosphate and sulphur.

The subsidy payable to the manufacturers of SSP is fixed on a quarterly basis taking into account the cost of production of SSP. It various from manufacturer to manufacturer depending upon his cost of production. The present ceiling applicable on subsidy payable per tonne of SSP is Rs. 1326/-.

(b) Wherever any SSP manufacturer brings to the notice of Government any specific problem requiring assistance, the same is provided. Apart from this, there isno specitic preference to any small scale manufacturer of SSP over and above the benefits admissible to small scale industries as a class.

Loan Licensing System

3769. SHRI SURESH KALMADI Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2081 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th December, 1991 and state

(a) whether the comprehensive study on the loan licensing has since been completed;

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the study; and

(c) if not, by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) (a) to (c) This relates to Ministry of Health. The required information to the extent available will be collected from the Ministry of Health and F.W. and laid on the Table of the House.

Erant drug companies

3770. SHRI SURESH KALMADI Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Fresh notices to errant drug companies" published in the Indian Express of 29th February, 1992;

(b) if so, details of the errant drug companies to whom notices for recovery of DPEA claims for Rifampicin, Gentamycin etc. during the period 1979-84 were issued;

(c) whether data from all such companies has been received; and

(d) if not, names of the companies who have not submitted data and action taken proposed to be taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The names of the drug companies to whom notices of recovery for DPEA claims on Rifampicin and Gentamycin were sent, are given in the statement

(c) and (d) The required data for the purpose of computing the liability under DPEA claims for Rifampicin and Gentamycin have been received from most of the concerned companies. Some of the companies have filed writ petitions against the recovery notices.